No study by Indian National Injection Safety Association has come to the notice of the Government of India.

(d) The Government of India has decided to use Auto Disable (AD) syringes in place of glass syringes and needles in all immunization clinics in the country in 2005. AD syringes will take care of most of the causes of unsafe injections including some due to wrong habits as AD syringes are pre-sterilized and cannot be re-used.

NIMHANS

1924. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the courses being conducted by NIMHANS, Bangalore;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of Government that there is lack of trained man power to treat mental disorders and neurological problems in the country; and

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to increase the intake of various courses being conducted by NIMHANS to overcome the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The names of courses conducted by NIMHANS, Bangalore are as follows:

(i) Ph.D Courses in Biophysics, Biostatistics, Epidemiology, Human Genetics, Mental Health Education, Mental Health & Social Psychology, Neuroanesthaesia, Neurochemistry, Neuroimaging & Interventional Radiology, Neurology, Neuromicrobiology, Neurophysiology, Neurosurgery, Neurovirology, Phychiatry Nursing, Psychiatric & Neurological Rehabilitation, Psychiatric Social Work, Psychiatry, Psychopharmacology, Speech Pathology & Audiology.

(ii) DM Degree in Neuroradiology and Neurology.

(iii) M Ch. Degree in Neurosurgery

(iv) MD Degree in Psychiatry

(v) Diploma in Psychiatry

(vi) Post Doctoral Fellowship in Neuroanaesthesia and Neuropathology.

(vii) M. Phil in Biophysics, Mental Health & Social Psychology, Psychiatric Social Work, Neurosciences, Neurophysiology.

(viii) M. Sc. in Psychiatric Nursing.

(ix) Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing, Neurological and Neurosurgical Nursing, Clinical, Neurophysiology Technology, and

(x) Certificate Course in Neuro Imaging & Technology.

(b) and (c) Government run Mental Hospitals and Psychiatric Wings of Medical Colleges/Hospitals in the country provide mental health care for the persons suffering from mental disorders and neurological problems. The District Mental Health Programme under the National Mental Health Programme also provides treatment at the community level. This is in addition to the facilities in the private sector. Due to increasing number of cases of mental illness on account of increasing population and growing stress, there is a need for additional trained manpower. The Government has taken steps to provide in house training to the General Duty Medical Officers through short time courses in the field of Psychiatry, Clinical Psychology, Psychiatric Social Work and Nursing services. Increase in intake of students for various courses at NIMHANS, Bangalore will be subject to fulfilling the norms laid down by Medical Council of India.

Ban of 'ROFICOXIB'

1925. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the recommendation of the expert group, the popular pain-killer medicine 'Roficoxib' has been banned by Government;

(b) if so, the names of the companies which were manufacturing this medicine;

(c) whether Government are aware that this medicine is still available in the market; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken against those who are selling this banned drug?